GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVATION
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PURCHASE OF LINO TYPE MACHINES
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Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government had allowed the modernisation of the Government Presses in the year 1989;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Lino-type technology had become outdated and was phased out since 1988;

(d) if so, whether two Lino-type machines costing Rs.18.66 lakh were purchased and installed in Nasik Press in September, 1990; and

(e) if so, the justification for purchasing the said outdated machines?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT & POVERTY ALLEVIATION (SHRI PON RADHAKR)

(a)&(b): Modernization/partial modernization of following Government of India Presses was undertaken during the years 1988-89:-

1. Government of India Press (Photolitho), Minto Road,

2. Government of India Press, (Koratty).

3. Government of India Press (Letterpress), Faridabad,

4. Government of India Press, Nilokheri,

5. Government of India Press, Nasik,

6. Government of India Press, Coimbatore,

7 Government of India Press, Aligarh.

(c)to(e): The two Lino-Type Machines were purchased through DGS&D and were installed in 1990. Lino-type machines are mechanical composing machines. These are essential for composing of text for the letterpress printing machines, which were the main Printing Machines in Govt.of India Press, Nasik at that time. The two Lino-type Machines were purchased as replacement for two old machines in order to maintain production on the Letter Press Printing machines. These Machines were purchased as per the technological requirement of Letter Press printing which was the technology in use pre-dominantly in Nasik Press at that time.